

What is claimed is:

1. An optical data storage medium with at least a first recording layer having a first region thereof containing parallel-written mastered content and a second portion thereof which is user writeable.
2. A medium, as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least some of said user writeable portion is write-once.
3. A medium, as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least some of said user writeable portion is re-writeable.
4. A medium, as claimed in claim 1 further comprising software, stored on said medium, configured for accessing or using at least some of said mastered content.
5. A medium, as claimed in claim 4, wherein said software comprises decryption software.
6. A method comprising:
providing an optical data storage medium with at least a first recording layer having a first region thereof containing parallel-formed, mastered content and a second portion thereof which is writeable.
7. A method as claimed in claim 6 further comprising writing data in said writeable portion prior to distribution to a user.
8. A method as claimed in claim 7 wherein said data is selected from the group consisting of a serial number, a media identifier or encryption/decryption information.

9. A method as claimed in claim 6 further comprising associating later-written content, written in said writeable portion, with selected portions of said mastered content.

10. A method as claimed in claim 9 further comprising displaying later-written content adjacent portions of mastered content with which said later-written content is associated

11. A method comprising:
providing a data recording medium having a first mastered content and a second writeable area;
recording at least first license information in said recordable area;
5 comparing said license information to license criteria; and
permitting access to at least some of said mastered material on the basis of said comparing step.

12. Apparatus comprising:
a data recording medium having a first mastered content and a second writeable area;
at least first license information in said recordable area;
means for comparing said license information to license criteria and outputting at least a first result; and
means for accessing at least some of said mastered material on the basis of said first result.

13. Apparatus generally as described and/or depicted herein.

14. A method generally as described and/or depicted herein.